

Heber Valley Businesses Sought To Display Daniel's Mountain Lion



Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Officer Mark Connolly poses with a mountain lion that was killed last January in Daniel's Canyon. The lion was mounted and Connolly is presently searching for any Heber Valley business that would be interested in displaying the cat.

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A mountain lion that was killed by a vehicle in Daniel Canyon last January has been mounted and is available for display in Wasatch County, according to Conservation Officer Mark Connolly of the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources. He said he will deliver the lion to Heber Valley businesses to display for several weeks and move it around so everyone can enjoy it.

The animal was about four and one-half years old and a little more than eight feet

long, from his nose to his tail.

Usually road-killed lions go to the regional office of the State Department of Wildlife Resources but Officer Connolly doesn't know what happens to them then.

"This time I thought, if I just keep it here and somebody's willing to mount it, locally, then everybody gets to enjoy it. It's an animal from our area so we should be able to enjoy it," he said.

He had originally planned to just get the hide tanned and display it, but Scott McFee, a Heber taxidermist, offered to

do a full body mount. McFee purchased all the supplies and contributed his time free of charge.

"A lot of people don't even know there are lions in the area," Officer Connolly said. "There are still lions up there right now. Some are killing sheep and there are federal trappers trying to catch some in the Lake Creek area."

Any local business people who would like to display the lion are invited to call Officer Connolly at 654-2254 to make reservations.

asatch County Hospital, said
hospital administrator Wayne T.
Terry. "He is very qualified as a Dr. Bruce W. Carlin

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